

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5125

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Increasing district court civil jurisdiction.

**Sponsors:** Senators Padden, Darneille, Roach and Hatfield.

**Senate Committee on Law & Justice**  
**House Committee on Judiciary**

**Background:** The Legislature limits the district court's jurisdiction based on the case's value, or the amount at issue, in specific civil cases. The Legislature adjusts the case value limit periodically as the economy changes. In 2008, the most recent change, the Legislature raised the civil case jurisdiction from \$50,000 per case to \$75,000 per case exclusive of interest, costs, and attorneys' fees.

**Summary:** The value of a civil claim or the amount at issue in the case, must not exceed \$100,000 exclusive of interest, costs, and attorneys' fees to meet the district court's amount in controversy jurisdiction limit. The \$100,000 jurisdictional limit applies to each claimant.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	48	0	
House	97	0	(House amended)
Senate	46	0	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 24, 2015

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